



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### **Bakersfield Transfer, Inc. Draft New Permit And And Draft Negative Declaration Available for Public Review And Comment Bakersfield, California**



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 3, 2007 through January 16, 2008

#### **WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a new draft Series B Standardize Permit (Permit) for Bakersfield Transfer, Inc. (BTI), located at 1620 East Brundage Lane #6 in Bakersfield. We also invite you to attend and participate in a public meeting/hearing. A public hearing is a formal process for DTSC to receive comments from the community on the draft Permit and CEQA document. Approval of the Permit will allow BTI to operate hazardous waste storage and transfer facility in Bakersfield. BTI will collect, store, and transfer used oil, used antifreeze, oily water, and solids contaminated with oil from offsite generators.

In addition to the draft Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Negative Declaration under CEQA which is available for public comment and review.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

BTI is approximately 20,016 square feet and resides in the unpaved storage yard of the Sierra Bag Company which is now called Oglebay Norton Industrial Sands. BTI is a used oil and antifreeze transfer facility. The facility accepts used oil/waste oil, contaminated petroleum products, oily wastes, oily water, used antifreeze, used oil filters, oily solids, and generic oil/antifreeze/oil filters. Used oil and antifreeze are required to be managed as hazardous waste.

Upon approval of the draft Permit, the solid waste will be consolidated into containers and stored on-site in storage areas until being shipped to another recycling, treatment or disposal facility. The liquid waste will be filtered and then consolidated into containers or in one of four 20,000 gallon tanks before being shipped to another recycling, treatment or disposal facility. The filtrate will be put into containers and stored until shipment to another facility. If the draft permit is approved, BTI will be authorized to store and consolidate waste before being shipped to another facility.

#### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of this facility, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Negative Declaration which states that the hazardous waste facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are documented in the Initial Study and are available for public review and comment in the information repositories.

#### **WHY THIS NOTICE?**

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the draft Permit and draft Negative Declaration and to provide comments to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

#### **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft Permit and Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Ms. Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, or e-mail: [Jlouie@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jlouie@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on January 16, 2008. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

The **public meeting/hearing** for the Bakersfield Transfer, Inc. will be held on **January 8, 2008**, at the Kern County Library, Holloway/Gonzales Branch, 506 East Brundage Lane, Bakersfield. The public meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m. and the formal hearing will begin at 7:15 p.m. and end by 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the draft Permit and draft Negative Declaration is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Kern County Library, Holloway/Gonzales Branch, 506 East Brundage Lane, Bakersfield, California 93307 or Department of Toxic Substances Control, Regional Records Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710.

**CONTACT:**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3957 or by e-mail to [Jlouie@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jlouie@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to [Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176 or by e-mail to [Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).